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Blah blah blah, worst scanner ever.

The male love interest in this mahwa is a pretty evil guy, but I can't help but like him.
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LAST TIME IN LES BIJOUX...

The world is divided into 12 *Mines*, each ruled by a tyrannical *Habit*. It is a time of war and oppression, when the *Spars*, the working class, live in mortal fear of the Habits. In the midst of this chaos, in the *Mine of Neige*, a strange thing happened. A miraculous child was born from a union between a dwarf and a hunchback...a child who takes on the form of a male and female.

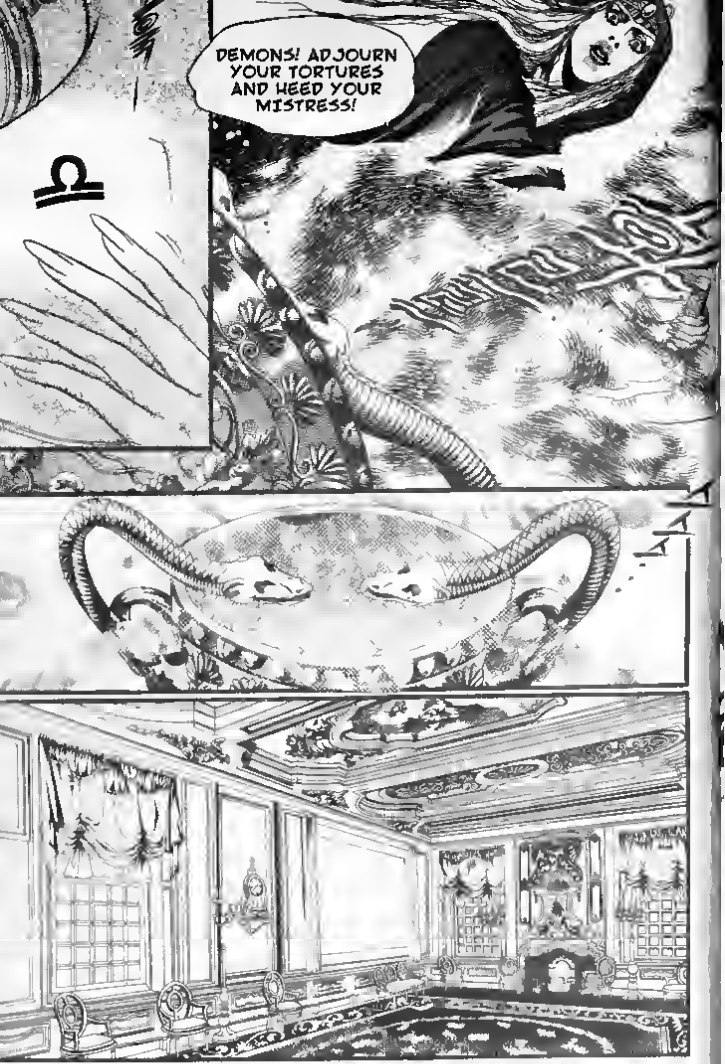
Now the child, *Lapis Lazuli*, has grown up. After his parents were slaughtered by the Habit *Diamond*, Lapis swore revenge against the Lord of Neige. But Lapis only managed to cut out Diamond's right eye before the Habit escaped. Homeless and friendless, Lapis travels across the continent to the *Mine of Soleil*, where he makes two new friends, *Carnelian*, brother to the Habit, and "*Butterfly*," a spiritual guide with the ability to transform into a panther.

Lapis gains new allies and new enemies as he faces his role as the one who will overthrow the tyrannical Habits. After steeling his courage, he departs to find the divine sword of Tourmaline. When two of Lapis' friends are slaughtered before his very eyes, Butterfly and Lapis begin a journey to find all of Lapis' guardians.

After Lapis is rescued by Silica, he finds himself recuperating in *Sable Mine*. There, a tyrannical ruler named Pyrope suppresses the people with a heavy water tax and threatens brutality and oppression if they don't pay up. To help the citizens who hunger for change, Lapis comes up with an ingenious plan to quench their thirst for justice.

As the power-hungry Diamond's plans for conquest begin to come to fruition, the one thing he covets most still eludes him--the mysterious Lazuli. In order to get on Diamond's good side, Emerald sets out to capure Lazuli. Meanwhile, although Lapis has vowed to kill Diamond, his female form is beginning to see a softer side of the Lord of the Mine of Niege. Will Diamond become this girl's bestfriend?

WHERE ARE WE?
NOW, WHAT DID YOU WANT ME TO DO TO DIAMOND'S PET?
CAN'T YOU TELL? THESE ARE THE GATES OF HADES BEYOND LIES THE UNDERWORLD
I WANT HER BODY RIPPED TO SHREDS AND HER SOUL TORN APART TOO
SO SHE AND DIAMOND WILL NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN. NOT EVEN IN HADES
YOUR WISH, LADY IVORY, IS MY COMMAND


DEMONS! ADJOURN YOUR TORTURES AND HEED YOUR MISTRESS!

HOLD ON!
THERE WAS A GIRL, HER NAME WAS SHARY.
I THINK SHE CAME HERE. SHE WAS LONG BLONDE HAIR AND BIG EYES. HAVE YOU SEEN HER?
HUH?
THAT REACTION! HE MUST KNOW SOMETHING.

?!
WHAT IS THIS? SOME KIND OF FOG...

SOON YOU'LL HAVE THE POWER TO COMMAND THE ENTIRE WORLD!
I KNOW I HEARD HER RIGHT. SO...
THEN MY EMPIRE DOESN'T SPAN THE WHOLE WORLD IS THERE ANOTHER MINE I DON'T KNOW ABOUT? THAT CAN'T BE
DO I EVEN CARE? EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE EVERY MINE
I HAVE THIS WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS JEWEL
LAZULI, I'LL MAKE YOU THE HAPPIEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD.

EH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
LAZULI...

YOUR MEN WILL DREAM ON MORPHEUS' SHORE UNTIL I CALL THEM BACK
NOW, WE MUST MAKE THE NECESSARY SACRIFICE.
AH! RIGHT ON CUE.

DIAMOND'S BIRTHSTONE?!
DIAMOND NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU PUSH ME AWAY NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU SAY YOU DON'T LOVE ME
...I'LL NEVER GIVE YOU FREEDOM EVER.
GET ON WITH IT I HAVE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO
SHE'S AWARE OF EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENING TO HER, BUT THE GEAS SPELL FORCES HER TO OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND

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THESE LITTLE FIENDS HUNGER INSATIABLY FOR HUMAN FLESH. THEIR JAWS REND BOTH BODY AND SPIRIT
AND WHILE THE AGONY OF TORN FLESH IS SHORT-LIVED, THE TORMENT OF A SOUL SUNDERED THUS IS ETERNAL..
RHYAAAH! RHYAAAH! RHYAAAH!
RHYAAAH! RHYAAAH!
CHOMP
DIAMOND
DIAMOND!

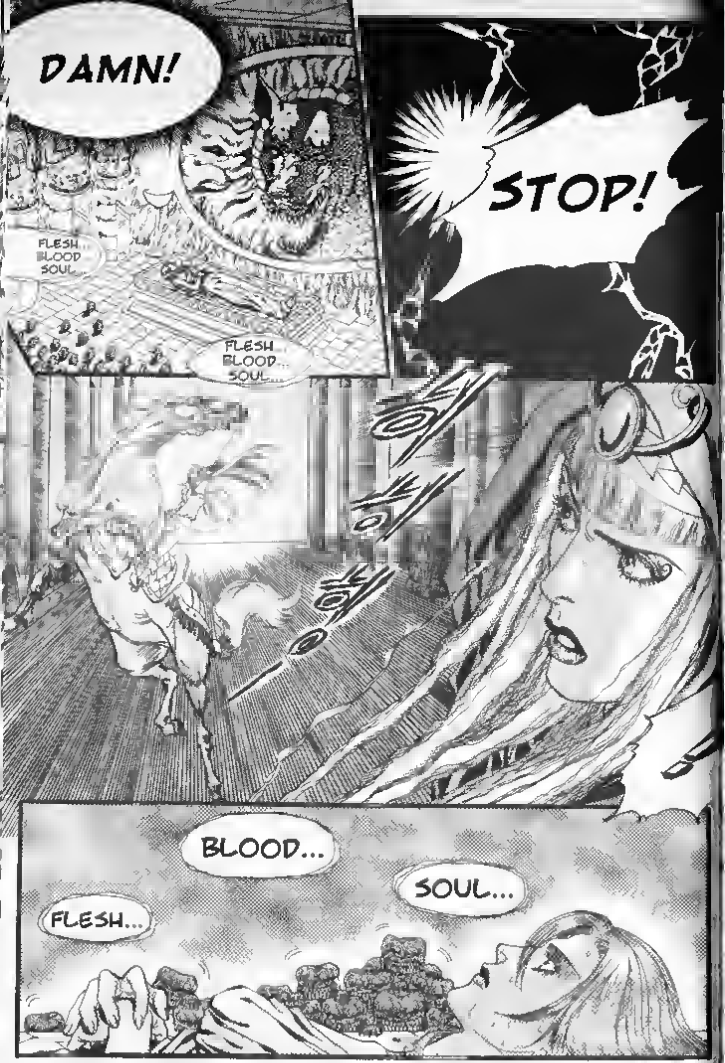
WHAT KIND OF MISCHIEF ARE YOU WORKING, WITCH? WHAT COULD SHE BE...LAZULI!
UGGH!
EQUES! KENNETH! LEXTUS!!

HOLD ON, LAZULI! I'M COMING!
RHYAAAH! RHYAAAH!
MISTRESS! WHY THIS JAPE? PRESENT US WITH OUR PROPER SACRIFICE!
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY DID THEY STOP?

AAAAAHHH!!!
UUGH!
EMERALD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? GET ME OUT OF HERE!
I'M SORRY, DEARIE. BUT SINCE I CALLED OUT MY LITTLE FRIENDS I HAVE TO OFFER THEM A SACRIFICE. OTHERWISE, I'D MAKE THEIR MOMMY MAD. SO AN OFFERING THERE'LL BE—AND THE SIGIL I PLACED ON YOUR SHOULDER MEANS THAT YOU'RE IT
CONSIDER IT YOUR REWARD FOR DRAWING MY IRE TOO BAD SHELL ISN'T HERE TO SEE THIS...

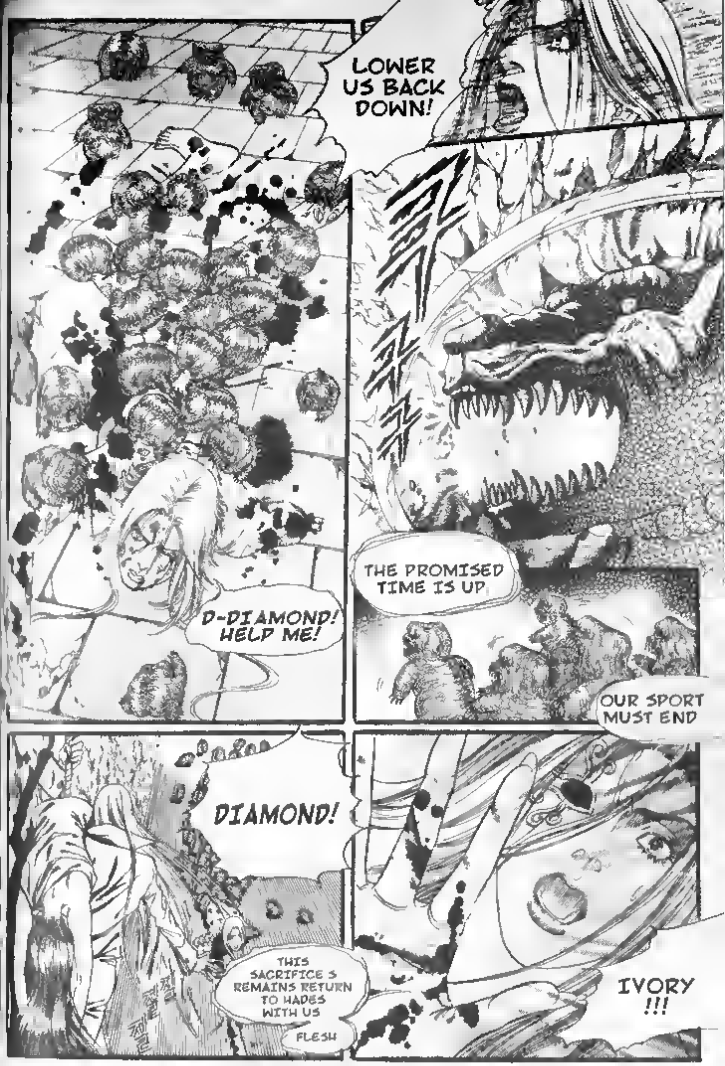
OUR SACRIFIC
PRESENT
ITSELF,
PLEDGE
!
HELP ME!!!
PLEASE!!!!

AHHRRGH!
NYYYYAAA!
I HUNGER HUNGER FOR HUMAN FLESH BLOOD SOUL
HUMAN FLESH HUMAN BLOOD HUMAN SOUL
CAN YOU NOT SMELL IT? A HUMAN'S REEK ANOTHER HUMAN
SISTERS
WHAT'S HAPPENING? THEY CAN'T SEE HER...
THEY SHOULD BE BLIND TO ANYONE UNMARKED FOR SACRIFICE!


DAMN!
FLESH... BLOOD... SOUL...
FLESH... BLOOD... SOUL...
STOP!
BLOOD...
SOUL...
FLESH...

EQUES!
THE ROPE!

EQUES! HAUL US UP!


LOWER US BACK DOWN!
D-DIAMOND! HELP ME!
THE PROMISED TIME IS UP
OUR SPORT MUST END
DIAMOND!
THIS SACRIFICE'S REMAINS RETURN TO HADES WITH US
FLESH
IVORY !!!

DIAMOND!

THAT WAS MY SECOND GIFT TO YOU. A RELEASE FROM YOUR FETTERS.
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE...UMM... COMPLICATIONS.
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I SHOULD KILL YOU FOR ENCHANTING ME! I SHOULD KILL YOU FOR RISKING LAZULI'S LIFE! TELL ME WHY I SHOULDN'T ADD YOUR BLOOD TO IVORY'S!
BECAUSE, MY LORD I SPARED YOU FROM AN UNPLEASANT BUT UNAVOIDABLE CHORE. LADY IVORY WAS PLOTTING THE DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED! I WAS ONLY PROTECTING HER! AND RECALL, LORD, THAT WITHOUT MY INTERVENTION YOU AND LAZULI WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN REUNITED!
TAKE CARE WHAT YOU DO IN MY NAME, WITCH
DIAMOND?
IT'S OKAY. IT'S ALL OVER NOW.

DIAMOND! YOUR HAND!
IT'S NOTHING.
WHILE THERE'S A DROP OF BLOOD IN MY VEINS, I'LL USE IT TO PROTECT YOU.
HMM...

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO SHOW YOU.
?

MARY!
YOU'RE ALIVE!

WHY HAVE YOU SUMMONED ME, MY LORD?
YOU TEL ME.
YOU'RE THE FORTUNE TELLER.
HMMM YOU WISH TO KNOW IF IT WILL RAIN TOMORROW? YES, IT WILL DRESS WARMLY
SIGH. SHOW ME THE LAND I HAVE YET T CONQUER.

THIS ORB IS THE WORLD UPON WHICH WE LIVE.
IT'S NOT FLAT AS OLD WIVES WILL TELL YOU, BUT A GLOBE SAIL FAR ENOUGH IN ANY DIRECTION, AND YOU'LL REACH OTHER LANDS.
GLADLY, LORD.
OUR TWELVE MINES ARE NO MORE THE ONLY NATIONS ON THIS WORLD THAN POLARIS IS THE ONLY STAR IN THE SKY
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, WITH STRANGE WAYS AND GREAT TREASURES!

THE WHOLE WORLD COUL BE YOURS! A ENTIRE PLAN UNDER YOU BANNER!
NO. I HAVE EVERYTHING I WANT. I HAVE WHAT I NEED.
SO ALL I'VE WON IS JUST A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE? MY CROWN IS MERELY A JEWEL IN A GREATER GLORY?
DOES HE REALLY HAVE AN UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT? IS HE THE ONE?

BY YOU TRICKED EMERALD BY HOLDING THE NEEDLE UP TO HER FOUND YOU SAVED SHARY WITH YOUR OWN BLOOD?
OH, SHELL! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!
I NEVER EXPECTED TO MEET MY LAST GUARDIAN HERE!
BUT THE WAY EVERYTHING HAS WORKED OUT, IT HAS TO BE FATE!
I KNOW ABOUT YOU, BOTH PARTS OF YOU.
I SAT NEXT TO LADY EMERALD WHILE SHE WATCHED YOU.
AND I KNOW YOU HAVE WORK TO DO.
I CAN HELP YOU GET OUT.
I'M GOING TO MISS SHARY. SHE'S MY ONLY FRIEND.
BUT IF I KEPT HER AROUND JUST TO KEEP ME COMPANY, THEN I'D BE JUST AS CRUEL AS LADY EMERALD.